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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The celebration of a special Children's Day in the  
3 United States dates back to the 1860s and earlier; Children's  
4 Day observations predate both Mother's Day and Father's Day  
5 celebrations in the United States; and

6           WHEREAS, The people of the State of Illinois and the United  
7 States recognize Mother's Day and Father's Day, yet do not  
8 celebrate a Children's Day, a day to celebrate and commit to  
9 our children and their future and a day with deep historical  
10 roots in our country; and

11           WHEREAS, The Methodist Episcopal Church at the Methodist  
12 Conference of 1868 recommended that every second Sunday in June  
13 be annually observed as Children's Day; in 1883, the National  
14 Council of Congregational Churches and nearly all the state  
15 bodies of that denomination in the United States passed  
16 resolutions commending the observance of the day, with many  
17 other denominations adopting similar recommendations; and

18           WHEREAS, Children are tender and precious gifts to all  
19 mankind; they deserve to be given hope, faith, love, and  
20 commitment to allow them a successful and bright future; the  
21 very act of safeguarding childhood is the noblest achievement  
22 of a society; and

1           WHEREAS, Children need much more than just the basic  
2 necessities of being clean and safe; children must be  
3 celebrated and given a healthy social-emotional growth in order  
4 to become healthy and productive citizens; in addition, we must  
5 encourage them to maintain the innocence, imagination, and  
6 freedom of worry of their childhood; and

7           WHEREAS, The future of our society will be more successful  
8 and bright in knowing that our children are loved and  
9 well-cared for; therefore, be it

10           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
11 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
12 designate the second Sunday in June of each year as Children's  
13 Day in the State of Illinois.